

Base Briefs

SPACE LECTURE

Retired Maj. Gen. Robert Rosenberg, speaks on "Our Military in Space From the 50s to the 21st Century" at 3 p.m. July 25 in the Pacific Coast Club ballroom. Rosenberg was stationed here in the late 1950s working the Atlas and Agena space systems for the Ballistic Missile Division.

NEW COMMANDER

Lt. Col. Douglas James assumes command of the 30th Contracting Squadron at 11 a.m. today in the Western Range Operations Control Center Theater, building 7025. A reception follows in the 30th Maintenance Group conference room, building 7015. Call 2nd Lt. Jonathan Zentner at 606-9760 for more information.

RETIREMENT

Master Sgt. Denise Young, 30th Contracting Squadron, retires at 1 p.m. today in the 30th Maintenance Group conference room, building 7015. A reception immediately follows. Call Master Sgt. Jerome Watkins at 605-2465 to make reservations.

RETIREMENT

Master Sgt. Richard Czap, 30th Operations Support Squadron, retires at 2 p.m. today in the WROCC Theater, building 7025. Call Master Sgt. Richard Chavez-Hatton at 606-2940.

START ESCORTS

The 30th Space Wing Treaties office needs airmen, staff sergeant and above, to act as escorts during START inspections. Training includes one hour in class and one practical demonstration. Volunteers must be available for approximately two days at a time. Call 606-8727 to sign up.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Hispanic Heritage Committee needs volunteers to plan and direct activities for September. Meetings start today and take place each Friday at 1 p.m. in the Services Center, building 10122. Call Capt. Dizzy Murphy at 606-2199.

RESERVE POSITION

The 381st Training Group has an opening in space training for an Air Force Reservist. Call Master Sgt. Brenda Kartheiser at 606-2704 or Senior Master Sgt. Dave Fuentes at 606-4820 for more information.

FACILITY CLOSURE

The 576th Flight Test Squadron Munitions Storage Area is closed for a wall-to-wall inventory July 29. Munitions custodians should schedule accordingly. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Greg Dan  t at 606-4199.

PARKING LOT CLOSURE

Due to construction, the parking lot behind building 13411 is closed until further notice. Dorm

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30th SFS helps local hotel

By TIMES STAFF

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Vandenberg's 30th Security Forces Squadron responded to a request for assistance with a bomb threat at the Embassy Suites hotel in Lompoc July 8.

The call came in around 11 p.m. and Staff Sgt. Jennifer Vasquez and her K-9 partner, Duuk, responded along with fellow K-9 handler Staff Sgt. Jean Mamea.

"The sheriff's department received an anonymous call saying there was a bomb threat and they contacted the Lompoc police who then called Vandenberg's K-9 unit," said Shawn Milburn, Embassy Suites hotel manager.

Department of Defense teams are authorized to respond and assist with civilian incidents when there's no civilian agency available to perform the task and the assistance doesn't impact the military mission. The assistance also cannot incur any cost to the government.

When he got the call, the hotel manager said he requested a sweep of the entire area, outside and in; just to be sure no area was left unchecked.

Vandenberg has K-9 teams trained to search for and detect explosives and narcotics. Duuk is a 6-year-old explosives dog. The two performed the search for more than four hours with Mamea's assistance ensuring their safety.

"I have no idea why the hotel was a target," Milburn said. "It's the first time we've received this type of threat."

Since the incident, the manager said the hotel staff has streamlined its key control system to make it easier to access all points of

the building.

"We received hundreds of compliments from the guests on how the situation was handled," Milburn said. "It gave us a good experience on what to expect in a hostile situation."

"The police officers were extremely capable, and having the K-9 unit there made us feel extremely at ease once the dog didn't find a bomb."

"I believe I have the greatest job in the Air Force," Vasquez said. "Duuk is the best partner I could ever ask for."

"It's always wonderful to have an opportunity to work closely with the local community," she said.

"Duuk is the best partner I could ever ask for."

STAFF SGT.
JENNIFER VASQUEZ
30TH SFS



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Vasquez, 30th Security Forces Squadron, searches the inside of a vehicle, with 6-year-old Duuk, her K-9 police explosives dog.

InDyne wins range communications, operations contract worth \$420M plus

By SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ A new Western Range Operation Communications and Information contract signed here July 11 consolidates range operation and maintenance services.

The winning bidder was InDyne, Inc. The new contractor begins phasing in later this month, with a contract start date of Oct. 1.

The new contract is a consolidation of the Range Operations and Maintenance Support Services contract; the Command, Control, Communications and Computer contract; the Launch Communications contract; the Vandenberg Electronic Security Systems contract; and the Technical Support Computer Services contract.

The consolidation provides one comprehensive operation and maintenance contract for a single provider of WROCI services capable of supporting the mission of the 30th Space Wing.

This change affects approximately 740 jobs, most of which are expected to be retained by the new contractor.

The contract is worth about \$55 million per year for the next eight years.

STRETCHING THE DOLLAR

Consolidating the WROCI contracts



■ Range Operations, Maintenance and Support services

Contract value estimated at \$353 million.

Provides a fully instrumented range capability to conduct and support activities for spacelift, ballistic missile, tactical military operations, and aeronautical programs.

■ Command, Control, Communications and Computer services

Contract value estimated at \$43 million.

Responsible for maintaining and operating the DoD computer, radio, and communication centers' interfaces with the Federal Communications Commission.

■ Launch Communication contract

Contract value estimated at \$14 million.

Provides the technical services and supplies necessary to operate and maintain the communications and related electronic systems at the numerous range user facilities.

■ Technical Support for Computer Systems

Contract value estimated at \$7 million.

Provides support to include installation, operation, maintenance, programming, management of computer resources, computer security, and life cycle acquisition management.

■ Security services

Contract value estimated at \$3 million.

The security provided under this effort includes data courier services and the Sensitive Unclassified Destruct facility for the base.

■ Vandenberg Electronic Security System

Contract value estimated at \$2.5 million

The system protects Air Force restricted and controlled areas.

Team Vandenberg prepares for annual Retiree Appreciation Day

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRYAN FRANKS

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg is gearing up and raising money for its 2003 Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 15. It's an event held annually to recognize the many contributions retired servicemembers and their spouses still make today.

For many military members and their spouses, their commitment to service didn't end with their active-duty obligation. Some continue to serve through volunteerism.

Retirees make up a large

population of Vandenberg's volunteers. They work in service organizations like the thrift shop and the base pharmacy. They produce a quarterly newspaper for nearly 6,000 retirees throughout the Central Coast and they answer questions about TRICARE for other retirees.

For pharmacy volunteer Juanita Anderson, volunteering is a way of life.

"I believe we were put here to serve others," Anderson said. "I feel like volunteering is an extension of my husband's service."

The career volunteer moved to

the Central Coast three years ago and being a military widow, was able to fill her prescriptions on base. During her first visit to the pharmacy, she said she was so impressed by the service she received, she asked about being a volunteer there.

After three years, Anderson has made volunteering a full-time job. Between working at the pharmacy, her church, and the retiree activities center, she puts in a forty-hour week by just volunteering. She also serves as president of the local Retired Widows Association.

"My daughter tells me I should

get a job since I volunteer so much," Anderson said. "But then I wouldn't be able to volunteer, I told her."

Retired Master Sgt. Robert Eastwood spends his days at the Vandenberg Retiree Activities Office answering questions about TRICARE. After retiring from the Air Force, Eastwood said he was just looking to stay busy.

He retired in 1999 and didn't even know the RAO existed. He went to the family support

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Central Coast gets \$25M for upgrades

By SENIOR AIRMAN BRIAN HILL

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The House of Representatives recently approved funding for military projects in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

A portion of the \$25 million approved by the House July 8 will be used to fund two projects here.

Space Launch Complex 3 West will receive \$2 million for modernization. New facilities will enhance launch processing and allow the launch of a new series of liquid-fueled vehicles, further improving the nation's access to space.

In addition, a range standardization and automation project will benefit Vandenberg and Cape Canaveral, Fla. \$5 million will be provided to modernize communications and range safety functions for ballistic missile and space programs at the two bases.

The upgrades are estimated to reduce launch costs by up to 40 percent, increase safety, and allow for more frequent launches.

Reps. Elton Gallegly and Lois Capps sought funding for military projects on the Central Coast.

"Ventura and Santa Barbara counties have been key players in our nation's national security for many decades, and these projects will help our country's military continue to be the best-trained and most prepared fighting force in the world," Gallegly said.

Supplemental promotions even test field for two VAFB airmen

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30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The following airmen were selected for promotion to technical and master sergeant during July.

Promoted are:

Staff Sgt. Malcom Walton, 30th Security Forces Squadron;

Tech. Sgt. Delores Speller, 614th Space Operations Squadron.

These airmen received supplemental selection and were not considered during the original release, said Tech. Sgt. Marcia Scantlebury-Hall, NCO in charge of promotions and special actions here.

Additional consideration is given when an airmen is not available during the regular testing schedule often due to temporary duty.

It's also given when there is a weighted factor point change such as a valid decoration added to their total score.

Team V mourns airman's loss

By TIMES STAFF

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

A memorial service is planned for Tech. Sgt. Stewart Grenfell, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 9 a.m. today in Vandenberg's Chapel 1. Grenfell died July 3 at age 44 while on leave in Portland, Ore.

Grenfell was a 17-year career NCO. While assigned here, he served as a heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration systems craftsman in CE's facilities maintenance element.

He is survived by his wife, three children and two grandchildren.

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Team Vandenberg members go to jail during a Jail-n-Bail fundraiser at Cocheo Park here.
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Destinations Central Coast stays on base for the Vandenberg Fire Department's Kids Camp 2003.
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Weekend forecast
Morning and evening low clouds
Saturday and partly cloudy Sunday.



Low/High
48/72

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Commander answers traffic safety, recreation questions



Col. Frank Gallegos
commander

Call 606-7850
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By performing Vandenberg's mission safely and effectively, Team V provides proof of it commitment to do the right thing.

Two-way communication is paramount to continued mission success. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me.

Through the action line, you can congratulate your teammates on a job well done, affect change and

express productive points of view.

I want your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

The action line is always available and it's an excellent tool, but remember to use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first.

Working together, we will enrich the 30th SW mission performance and the quality of life of our airmen.

When calling the action line, leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

Q *Serious traffic hazards are presenting themselves at the main gate recently due to the inconsistent opening of the second lane.*

One morning I came through the Santa Maria gate at 6:26 a.m. and the second lane was not open. Other times it's open at 6 a.m. Traffic was backed up into the intersection and holding up those who were turning south toward Lompoc.

Many cars were making quick moves into oncoming traffic. This happens much too often. Can local law enforcement give the base a

Commander's Action Line

much-needed hand? Someone is going to get hurt if nothing is done to rectify the situation. Thanks for your help.

A Thank you for taking the time to ensure the safety of our Vandenberg team. The operating time for the second traffic lane at the Santa Maria gate is from 6 to 8:30 a.m. Monday – Friday excluding holidays. Thank you again for bringing this to my attention and allowing us to correct this problem.

Q *I was traveling north on 13th Street April 24. A car was at the stop sign at California Boulevard. We were the only two cars in the road at the time. The woman pulled out from the stop sign directly in front of me and I had to slam on my brakes to avoid a collision.*

I just missed her by a foot or so. I noticed that she saw me coming as she went by me. Then I noticed the woman was speaking on a cell phone while she was driving.

It seems we almost got into an accident because she was

apparently distracted and not paying attention.

This isn't the first time this has happened so I'm wondering if you could possibly make it a regulation on base that members cannot speak on their cell phones while driving. It's too distracting. Accidents are going to happen, and lives are going to be lost unless something is done about it.

A It's unfortunate and extremely dangerous when drivers exhibit the behavior you describe. Could I make it illegal for people to use cell phones while operating motor vehicles on base? The answer is yes.

However, I don't necessarily believe that will completely solve the problem. Every day I see people who are distracted while operating motor vehicles doing things that, while not illegal, put people on our roads and highways at great risk.

I encourage everyone to take the time to evaluate their driving habits. While attitude and driving skills are important,

good driving habits enable a driver to stay away from danger and react correctly in an emergency. Keep your vehicle well maintained so it will perform properly, especially during an emergency, and possibly help you avoid an accident.

Any driving distractions greatly decrease your ability to concentrate on the task at hand, driving the vehicle. Therefore, safe driving requires one's full attention and should not be combined with other activities.

Neither state law, the Department of Defense, nor the Air Force currently prohibit using cell phones while operating motor vehicles, although drafts of DoD and Air Force publications propose prohibiting cell phone use without a hands-free device while driving.

I will have my safety staff monitor and gather data to determine whether we need to consider revising the installation motor vehicle code rules of the road. Thank you for your call.

Q *I would like to know why the golf course consistently has tournaments for off-base organizations. May 31 they had a Santa Maria Police Officer's Association Tournament. They've also had*

tournaments for the Lompoc Prison.

This takes away from tee-times available to active-duty people and retirees.

A Tee times are certainly at a premium here, however, there are still only a limited number of eligible golfers to share the rising cost of expenses. Tournaments are one way of increasing income and preventing the need to raise fees.

The Lompoc prison personnel you refer to are federal employees and eligible to use the facility the same as active-duty members and retirees. The other tournaments you mentioned are in support of local police departments; the same people who support the base for the several demonstrations that take place each year at the main gate. Those officers also provide traffic control for base events like open houses.

Our current policy does not limit the number of guests that an eligible member may bring. As a result, one eligible person can sponsor an off-base organization's golf tournament.

To help, the staff at Marshallia Ranch plan weekend tournaments so that open play for all other eligible golfers is either available in the morning or evening depending on the start time of the tournament.

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Command announces motorcycle safety month

By 1st Lt. Julie Tucker
AFSPC Public Affairs

■ **PETERSON AFB, Colo.** – Air Force Space Command has named August 2003 Motorcycle Safety Month in an ongoing effort to maintain the command’s positive trend of no recent motorcycle fatalities due to mishap.

Col. Billy Colwell, AFSPC director of safety, attributes this trend to proper training and good decision making on the part of AFSPC members.

“We don’t often see motorcycle mishaps as the result of mechanical problems or inclement weather... most of the time it’s operator error,” said Colwell. “That’s why training is so important to teach riders how to minimize risks that are inherent with motorcycles.”

General Lance Lord, AFSPC commander, noted that while the summer vacation season provides great motorcycling opportunities, it also presents significant opportunities for mishaps.

Last fiscal year, the Air Force lost 19



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Staff Sgt. Marc Person, 576th Flight Test Squadron Munitions Flight, rides on his motorcycle using all the proper protective equipment.

people to motorcycle mishaps and has already lost 16 members so far this year. AFSPC has experienced no fatalities due to motorcycle mishaps this fiscal year or last.

“The statistics across the Air Force are sobering. That’s why we’re trying to stay as proactive as we can. We’ve been very fortunate in AFSPC the past two years and we want to do everything we can to ensure

this continues,” Colwell said.

To operate a motorcycle, Air Force members must complete a basic or experienced riders course and are required to wear the following protective equipment when riding on and off base: helmet, long-sleeve shirt, long pants, protective eyewear, substantial over-the-ankle footwear, gloves and a contrasting upper garment (a reflective one should be worn if riding at night).

Despite this protective gear, riders are still operating on two wheels without the benefit of being shielded by protective layers of steel.

“So it’s important that not only motorcycle riders remain focused and aware of their surroundings, but automobile drivers need to as well,” said Colwell. “Cars and trucks must be aware of the potential for harm and give proper time and space consideration.”

Being properly trained, wearing the right protective gear, staying focused and alert and maintaining proper speeds and distances are effective ways to minimize

risk, but only if they are applied both on and off base.

“A lot of the good habits people have while riding on base can be forgotten when they head outside the gate,” said Colwell. It’s important they don’t change their outlook when leaving base, exercising the same care and caution wherever they ride.”

To reinforce this, Lord will participate in motorcycle safety day activities on Peterson AFB on Aug. 15 and will ride his motorcycle to Cripple Creek, Colo. in the Salute to American Veterans – POW/MIA Recognition ride on Aug. 16. He will also serve as the Grand Marshall for the ride.

“I’d like to invite AFSPC motorcycle riders to join me,” said Lord. “This event is a perfect forum to showcase safe riding techniques, proper wear of protective gear, and motorcycles which are well maintained and safe to ride.”

Cost and registration information for the POW/MIA Recognition ride is available online at www.pro-promotions.com/pow-mia.php.

Team V gears up for night out

By Airman Juanika Glover
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Team Vandenberg celebrates the 20th annual National Night Out August 5 from 4:45 to 8 p.m. uniting neighbors and law enforcement officials in an evening of crime and drug prevention awareness.

“National Night Out is designed to generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs,” said Staff Sgt. Sadie Gorchess, 30th Security Forces Squadron. “It is also an effort to help strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnership to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.”

Vandenberg residents and neighborhoods across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

To kick off the evening a parade starts in east housing and

ends at the youth center parking lot. A host of other events follow.

“The events that the National Association of Town Watch and the 30th SFS will sponsor, include youth activities, games, face painting, puppet shows, child identification and K-9 demonstrations,” Gorchess said. The children should expect a visit from McGruff, Sparky and law enforcement personnel as well.

“This is a night for Americans to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity,” Gorchess said. “It has proven to be an effective and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership in our fight for a safer nation.”

Gearing up for National Night Out, local school children competed this week to design posters. The winning entries from Jamie Lepeau, 13, and D’yani Florence, 6, will be reproduced and distributed throughout the base to advertise this year’s event.

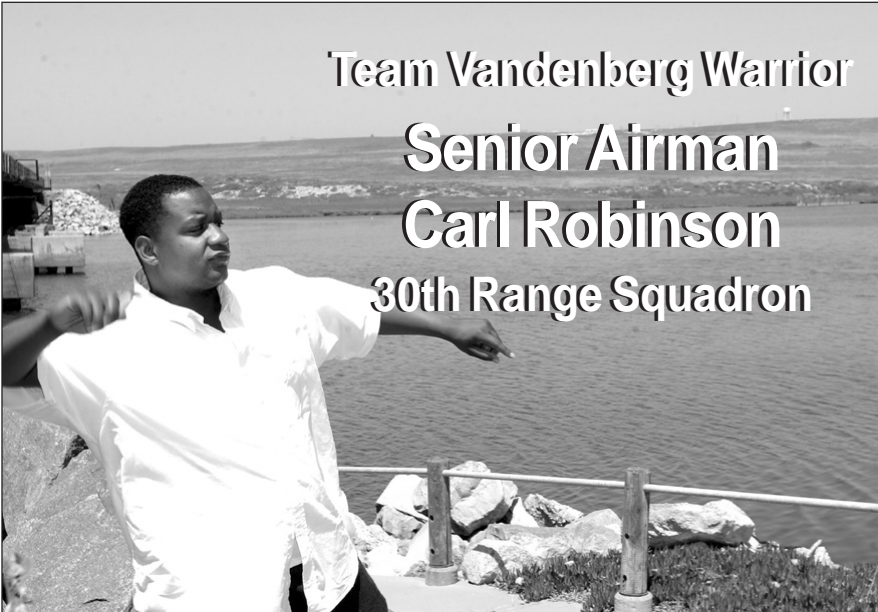


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Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.
Time in Service: 3 years
Time on Station: 2 years
Role in mission: I’m an aerospace control officer and area control Center supervisor during aeronautical and launch operations
How do you contribute to the wing mission? As center supervisor, I provide area clearance for Initial Flight Test launches in support of the National Missile Defense Program. I also supervise aeronautical testing in support of the F-22 and other test flight programs.
What do you like best about the Air Force? I am a part of the best Air Force in the world. The Air Force gives each member the tools that they need to succeed.
If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be? I would offer more educational opportunities for shift workers or members on crew.

Vandenberg children bring fairy tales to life

By Airman 1st Class Bryan Franks
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Start with 43 children. Add two theater instructors and one week of rehearsals to come up with the full-length musical, “The Tales of Hans Christian Anderson,” live at Vandenberg.

The children auditioned for parts Monday morning at the youth center and spent the rest of the week learning songs, lines and steps to perform the musical for friends and family at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Vandenberg Center.

Missoula Children’s Theatre is the largest touring children’s theater program in the U.S. sending out 29 teams across the nation and overseas. The teams consist of two actors/directors who develop and produce full-length musicals with 50 to 60 local children as cast members.

After a week of auditions, rehearsing and performing, the teams pack up and head to the next location, generally staying on the road for more than 40 weeks each year.

Husband and wife team, Brian and Allison Epperson, came to Vandenberg this week to put the show together. They said all that travel and the different sets of faces each week have made an incredibly rewarding experience for them.

The Missoula Children’s Theatre use these performances as a way of introducing children to theater and teach them life skills, Brian said. It teaches children that everyone is equal on stage and everyone is needed for the show to go on, he added.

The children range in age from 5 to 18, but the majority are between 8 and 11.

While the children learn important life skills, the two team members learn from the children.

“We were told that the course that prepared us for the road would take us so far,” Brian said. “The rest we’ve had to learn for ourselves and sometimes the children are the ones to teach us.”



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Allison Epperson, Missoula Children's Theatre, runs through a dance routine with Vandenberg Youth Center children trying out for, “The Tales of Hans Christian Andersen” musical held at the Vandenberg Center Saturday.

“Working with children is much more gratifying than working with adults,” Brian said. “Sometimes older actors seem to be thick headed, but with children you just tell them where to go and what to do and they do it.”

With a short one-week turnaround time, the staff members break the group into small sections to make learning easier.

“After 33 years of doing this, the theater has found that by teaching small groups at a time you can speed up the learning process,” said Allison Epperson, Missoula staff member. “Mondays are the hardest days for me because I have to teach the children two songs and if I don’t get it done Monday, the rest of the week is much more difficult.”

By Wednesday they begin rehearsing the entire musical, Brian said. “It’s a slow process but we tell the children ahead of time so they know that we’re going to stop to make corrections.”

The theater staff comes fully equipped for the musical.

“We have everything we need to put on the musical in a bare room, from the sets to the lights and even costumes,” Allison said. “The only thing we need are children to participate to make it complete. Every week brings a different sense of accomplishment for us.”

Most children enjoy the week of hard work and the parents enjoy coming to watch the musical, she said.

Helping hands



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Tech. Sgt. Scott Seyer (front) and Staff Sgt. Brian Rodriguez, 30th Space Communications Squadron, paint the hallway of a home in Santa Maria as part of a unit volunteer project for the Santa Maria Independent Living Environment or SMILE. The organization provides residential care for developmentally disabled adults.

Crimebeat...

COMPILED BY MASTER SGT. WESLEY ASLESON
30th Security Forces Squadron

July 10
Private vehicle damage – 6:03 p.m.

A military member reported his Honda Civic was damaged while parked on Korina Avenue. He said damage occurred April 28 and again July 9. Damage included small dents on the front quarter panel and rear door.

July 11
Private vehicle damage – 2 p.m.

A military member reported his Pontiac Grand Am was damaged while parked adjacent to the Vandenberg Fire Department, building 10660. He said the passenger-side

mirror was torn off.

Custody dispute – 8:29 p.m.

A non-base affiliated civilian requested assistance in picking up his children from his ex-wife’s residence on Katsura Street. The civilian stated the ex-wife would not sponsor him onto the installation. The sheriff’s office verified he was authorized by a court order to pick up his children between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Patrolmen escorted him to the residence. The matter was not resolved and he was escorted off the installation without the children.

July 12
Illegal poaching – 12:01 a.m.

Two California Fish and Wildlife game wardens requested assistance in locating a military member’s private vehicle on the installation. The wardens suspected the operator and passengers of poaching adjacent

to Highways 1 and 101. Patrolmen located the vehicle adjacent to Thor dormitory, building 13005. The base lodging office confirmed the members were billeted in that facility. All three were cited for poaching and their weapons seized for storage. They were all assigned to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Drunken driving – 3:30 a.m.

A patrolman suspected a military member of driving under the influence after stopping him for a traffic violation adjacent to the main gate. The member failed a series of field sobriety tests and was apprehended. He was released to his first sergeant.

July 13

Assault – 2:47 a.m.

A Pacific Coast Club employee reported a fight at the club. Investigation revealed a military member struck a non-base affiliated female in

the face during a confrontation. The victim’s boyfriend, a military member, then struggled with the offender. Both subjects were apprehended. They were released to their respective first sergeants.

Government vehicle damage – 2:24 p.m.

A military member reported damage to a government owned Dodge Stratus. The vehicle was parked adjacent to the 30th Maintenance Group facility, building 7015. He said a rear window was shattered. The vehicle was damaged between July 11 and 12.

Concerned friend – 5:45 p.m.

A military member reported she was concerned for a military friend due to her emotional state. The member further said she was storing her friend’s privately owned firearm for her at her quarters on Acacia Street.

The member was currently on-duty and stated her friend had access to the quarters at any-time. Patrolmen removed the weapon from the quarters and placed it into storage at the security forces armory. The friend’s first sergeant was briefed on the incident and stated the member was previously ordered to store the weapon with security forces but apparently failed to comply.

July 14
Breaking and entering – 6:48 p.m.

A military member’s wife reported someone attempted to break into her garage at her quarters on Cabrillo Court. The garage door was damaged. Nothing appeared to be missing from the home.

576th FLTS holds missile crew reunion

By CAPT. GLENN SNOW
576th Flight Test Squadron

When asked if the 576th Flight Test Squadron would host the reunion of Missile Crew R01, the squadron didn’t hesitate. After all, not only was Crew R01 the first Air Force crew to launch an intercontinental ballistic missile, but Crew R01 did it right here on this base as members of the 576th Strategic Missile Squadron.

The historic Atlas-D missile flight took place Jan. 26, 1960 from Vandenberg’s site 576A.

The reunion was originally set to coincide with the launch of the last Atlas II-AS from Vandenberg. But when that launch slipped, the veterans elected to go ahead with the reunion. This was their first reunion in the 43 years since they worked together. They felt they had waited long enough.

The crew was a mix of maintainers and operators led by then Capt. Russell Thresher. Although he attained the rank of colonel, the crew still affectionately calls Thresher, “Cap’n T” – reflecting the grade he held as their leader and mentor more than four decades earlier.

Reunion events included two full days of touring Vandenberg. June 14, the storied and colorful missileers received briefings and tours of the “new” 576th FLTS. After a day off Sunday, they spent Monday touring South Vandenberg and meeting the

current Atlas operators, the 2nd Space Launch Squadron.

While they said they enjoyed the tours, the highlights of the trip for the ICBM pioneers were trips to the heritage center, a walking tour of their now rusting Atlas launch complex, Site 576A, and a dinner held in their honor by the 576thFLTS.

At the museum, curator Donald “Jay” Prichard treated the group to stories as well as vintage Atlas consoles and an Atlas engine. Retired Master Sgt. Dale Urhammer took one look at the Atlas engine and spent more than 30 minutes checking it out.

Having been a missile engine specialist, this was the exact hardware he had maintained in the late ’50s and ’60s. He said he felt right at home crawling in the nozzle and spouting off its specifications. As they left, his wife asked him if he wanted to give the engine one last caress before they went. He did.

Perhaps the greatest memory-evoking stop for the guests was the tour of Atlas site 576A. While many of the cold warriors are into their 70s, they moved about the now rusted hulk of a site like men and women in their twenties.

Stories abounded as memories flooded the members of the group. They seemed to relive the pioneering days of ICBM operations. While only a lone

missile gantry still stands, the group said they were grateful to stand in its shadow once more.

After crawling around the launch pad, the group visited their old control center. The abandoned blast doors swung free. The remains of a giant, intricate mural detailing all the Atlas launches from that control center were faded and chipped away on the wall to the left of the entrance.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Roger Struxness, suffering from terminal illness, arrived that morning in a wheelchair. His mobility had been suffering for some time but, as the bus unloaded, a renewed vigor seemed to overtake the man. Forsaking his wheelchair, he eagerly stood and walked into the control center.

Former Staff Sgt. Jerry Trent helped him navigate the main corridor.

“This is memory lane we’re walking down here,” Trent said.

There is no way to capture in words the experience these men had as they re-entered the complex; a complex where they had not only observed history unfold, but in fact had made it.

While there, the men of R01 told stories. One spoke of the day Nikita Khrushchev passed through Vandenberg by train. He recounted how the Atlas crews fueled and loaded all three pads,

rolled back the gantries, and made sure the ICBMs were visibly venting liquid oxygen at exactly the time the Russian Secretary General passed by.

His description of the event included the exact pressures and settings in order to create the venting effect.

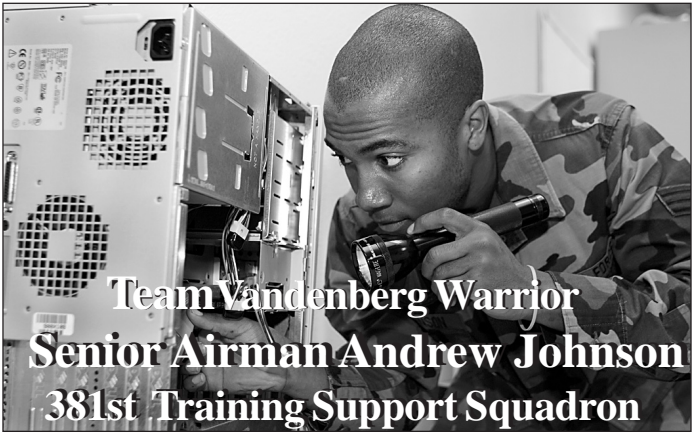
Struxness spoke of the time the group toiled for five days to prepare their site for a visit by President Kennedy. You could still hear a bit of regret in his voice as he recounted how his tired and well-worn crew was unceremoniously ushered into a closet in the basement because they hadn’t shaved or showered in five days.

Unsung, these men were the first silent demonstrators of deterrence. Thresher said the men and women of the 576th FLTS are continuing the great tradition his crew started.

Throughout their visit, many of today’s ICBM “youths” couldn’t resist asking the men what it was like at the beginning.

“We worked so hard and had so much fun, we didn’t know we were making history,” said retired Master Sgt. Paul Rodrigues.

Most of the crew said they’d be keeping their ears open for the launch of the last Atlas. While they may not be able to all link up again, at least some of the first Atlas launch crew may yet view its final flight.



Team Vandenberg Warrior
Senior Airman Andrew Johnson
381st Training Support Squadron
PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.

Time in Service: 2 years

Time on station: 1.5 years

Role in mission: I'm a computer technician.

How do you contribute to the wing mission? I work in an Air Education and Training Command environment, which is vital for training students for the operational Air Force. By maintaining the networks, I ensure that training continues without serious downtime.

What do you like best about the Air Force? I like the chance to meet different people and see different places.

How do you fulfill the Air

Force Core Values? By knowing my role in my job and knowing the importance of my job.

What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force?

When I first saw a launch here on Vandenberg. It was an amazing sight.

How would you improve life on Vandenberg AFB? I would have more events here on base.

People have to drive three hours just to do something. We could get a lot of participation if there were some source of entertainment here.

Who is your role model and why? Russell Simmons. He's doing what he likes for money.

Lockdown!



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Lt. Col. Richard Wright and Master Sgt. Cindy Hasty, 30th Security Forces Squadron commander and first sergeant, peel potatoes after being thrown in jail during the unit’s Jail-n-Bail fundraiser July 11 at Cocheo Park. Security forces raised more than \$600 during the annual event, which allows people to “bribe” off-duty officers into throwing people in jail.

RETIREEES:

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center to inquire about finding a job and mentioned that he would also like to volunteer. The FSC staff directed Eastwood to the newly revamped RAO and he’s been there ever since.

Now Eastwood spends his days answering questions for more than 140 people a month regarding everything from TRICARE to travel. He said he does this just to keep busy.

Retired Navy Lt. Junior Grade Charles Brown has spent more than 15 years volunteering in different capacities.

Throughout a 50-year career, Brown has covered high-tech spectrum from teaching people to use computers to setting up computer networks. At 90, Brown is teaching other retirees to operate computers.

“Sometimes people don’t even know how to turn one on or how to operate a mouse, so I show them,” Brown said.

These retirees turned volunteers make a difference by providing services that otherwise might not be available to the retired and active-duty

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RETIRED NAVY LT. JUNIOR GRADE
CHARLES BROWN

communities here.

Their service even inspires others. The retiree activities office received an unexpected boost for the 2003 Retiree Appreciation Day.

In preparation for the event and to support the donation-driven cause, one 30th Medical Group lieutenant donated a \$100 prize he won playing ATWIND or Around the World in Ninety Days. 1st Lt. Richard Palmer, 30th MDG, won the money in a weekly drawing and said he hopes his example will drive others to support the appreciation day also.

BRIEFS:

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residents should plan accordingly. Call Staff Sgt. Raul Molina at 606-3933 for more information.

MED GROUP CLOSURE

The 30th Medical Group closes for training the fourth Thursday of each month. For emergencies, a threat to life, limb or eyesight, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. For urgent care appointments, call 606-CARE (2273).

E-BOOKS

The Vandenberg Technical Library has e-books available, including a dictionary for reading online or downloading at the Web site www.netlibrary.com. The user name and password is FL2827. For more information, call the technical library at 606-9745.

HONOR GUARD

The Vandenberg Honor Guard needs a staff or technical sergeant to fill a full-time special-duty position. For more information on eligibility, call Staff Sgt. Virgil Peacock at 606-3654.



Airmen can carry over more leave

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — Some active-duty airmen will be allowed to accumulate more than 60 days of annual leave after the fiscal year ends, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here. The airmen must have been unable to take leave because they were supporting contingency operations.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve airmen who performed full-time training or other full-time duty for more than 29 days are also eligible for this special leave accrual.

Those affected can retain up to 90 days of leave until the end of fiscal 2004, according to personnel officials.

“This program is meant to enable people to take (the) leave they’ve earned,” said Master Sgt. Don Taylor, the customer support operations superintendent at the center. “In order for the program to work as planned, though, those affected need to take not only the leave they are carrying over now, but also the leave they will earn during the next fiscal year, or they may lose leave next year.”

Those who meet the criteria for having excess leave should apply for special leave accrual through command channels. For more

information, contact customer service at the local military personnel flight. *(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*

Mars rovers using AFRL batteries

By SARAH HUBBARD
*Air Force Research Laboratory
Propulsion Directorate*

■ As the Mars exploration rovers “Spirit” and “Opportunity” race toward the Red Planet, part of the Air Force Research Laboratory is soaring with them.

The two rovers, expected to touch down and explore opposite sides of Mars in early 2004, are powered by rechargeable lithium-ion batteries researched and developed by experts at the laboratory’s propulsion directorate. Spirit and Opportunity will act as robot geologists while on the surface of Mars.

To search for and characterize a wide range of rocks and soils that hold clues to past water activity on Mars, NASA officials needed a more powerful, lightweight battery to withstand extreme temperatures and provide more electricity to the rovers. Directorate officials said the new batteries will allow Spirit and Opportunity to perform on-site scientific investigations during the course of their 90-day missions and trek up to 40 meters per day.

Steve Vukson, a chemical engineer, said researchers in the directorate’s power division were already working on a new type of battery that exceeded commercial-battery performance and fit NASA’s needs.

A joint lithium-ion battery program was established by experts in NASA’s Glenn Research Center, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the propulsion directorate.

The new rovers need about 100 watts (equivalent to a standard light bulb) to operate, NASA officials said. Comparatively, the Sojourner rover’s solar arrays provided the 1997 Pathfinder mission with a maximum of around 16 watts of power, the amount used by an oven light.

The extra power provided by the new batteries will enable the Spirit and Opportunity to conduct more research, NASA experts said. To get the most out of their new technology, the two rechargeable batteries are stored in a warm box, which houses the rover’s power system, Vukson said.

“It contains a heater that helps maintain the temperature of the batteries’ environment, allowing for it to operate in the extreme temperatures of space,” he said. The solar arrays on top of the box attract sunlight as a source of energy and generate up to 140 watts of power to the batteries. This stored energy will power the rover as it explores the planet’s surface, Vukson said.

The true test of the batteries’ capabilities will be when the rovers arrive in January where they will explore, fully powered by the new batteries, Vukson said.

Duck



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. JUSTIN PYLE

LUNGI, Sierra Leone — Staff Sgt. Jason Krokos inspects an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter here. He is a crew chief assigned to the 85th Maintenance Squadron at Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland. Krokos is deployed to help provide recovery and emergency evacuation support for the humanitarian assistance survey team in Liberia.

Long-term care sign-up continues

■ **RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — Initial enrollment for long-term care insurance has ended, but, people can still apply for care, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here. People eligible include Air Force active-duty, selected Reserve, appropriated-fund civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members.

The insurance does not have an annual open season like many other health-care programs, officials said. The initial open enrollment season

was held during 2002 to introduce the program, and officials have not decided when there will be another open season.

The federal program is a benefit authorized by Congress in September 2000 to help federal employees, including military, defray the rising costs of long-term care. This can include home care, nursing home care or assisted-living facilities for people no longer able to perform normal daily activities because of chronic mental or physical conditions, officials said.

More information on the insurance program and how to enroll is available online at

www.ltcfeds.com — or by calling (800) 582-3337 or TDD (800) 843-3557. Offices are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Employees returning from a nonpay status (including reservists called to active duty) may also enroll using the abbreviated process within 60 days of return to duty. This applies as long as they were in a nonpay status more than three months of the initial open season. If these employees choose not to enroll during their 60-day window, they may still apply later through the full-underwriting process. *(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

Jimmy Rivera, 30th Space Communications Squadron, takes a swing during an intramural softball showdown July 10 against 30th Civil Engineer Squadron Team 1. 30th SCS won the game 18-12.

Teams poised to face off in playoffs

By Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ As softball season begins to wind down, teams gear up for another run at the coveted base championship of Team V's intramural softball league. Fourteen teams stand poised to take their shot at winning the big trophy and bragging rights for another year. Softball has grown to become one of America's favorite leisure activities and not just for the athletes themselves. It's also become a fan favorite. The showing at the softball fields surrounding the base fitness center, immediately gives the impression that softball has as big a

following on Vandenberg as anywhere else. On base, units compete in the coed league and the women's league. The coed league, which begins its playoffs Tuesday, is divided into the National League, playing games Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the American League, which competes Mondays and Wednesdays. The four teams favored to make noise in the playoffs are 30th Operations Group Team 1, 30th Medical Group, 30th Civil Engineer Squadron Team 1, and 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron. As is the case in any competitive sport, there may be favored teams, but

anything is likely to happen and often does. "There are a couple teams that seem to be ahead of the others, but I've been doing this long enough to know that any of the teams can start playing well at just the right time and that changes the picture," said Carol Amavisca. Amavisca and family are the keepers of game scores, statistics, and local base sports history. "Even though it will be tough for any team to take down OG, the playoff games will definitely be worth watching," she said. "If consistency is the key, then OG and MDG have the greatest chances of winning."

OG has gone through the season with very little static from opposing teams, sporting an impressive 12-1 record. A balanced team with plenty of power to spare, the book on this team is that they will get to you via the offensive or defensive route. MDG and LRS have been able to put up strong 15-2 and 16-1 records respectively, by using strong pitching backed by solid defense. CES 1 has compiled an 11-4 record. When all is said and done, the team with that championship feeling burning deep inside during the upcoming playoff run will be the team that hoists the big trophy. Games are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Take it to the hole



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN JONATHAN POMEROY

No. 4 Art Bottislieri, 30th Operations Group, goes up strong against No. 42 Brian Sharpe, 30th Space Communications Squadron, during Over-30 Championship competition. SCS won the matchup by clutch play in the final two minutes of the game taking and securing the lead at 38-40. The SCS win took the teams to a final match-up Wednesday in the double elimination championship. The OG players won the title "2003 Over-30 champions" when they beat the SCS team 60 to 42.

VANDENBERG CHAPEL WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES		
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship, Chapel 2 10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1	11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant, Chapel 1 11:30 a.m. Gospel, Chapel 2 Monday - Friday	11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2 Saturday 5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

Destinations CENTRAL COAST

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Vandenberg Fire Kid's Camp 2003

BY STAFF SGT. REBECCA BONILLA
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Last year my daughter attended the Vandenberg Fire Department's Kid's Camp 2002 and she learned so much that I was amazed at what these hard-working professionals were able to pack into one day!

Two groups spent one day each with the firefighters learning and practicing fire safety.

"We went in this little truck and they put on this fake smoke and we learned stop, drop and roll," my daughter said. "We saw Smoky and Sparkey and we did a picture with them."

They did everything from letting the children spray water from a real fire hose to giving a demonstration on what happens during an auto extrication using the "Jaws of Life."

This year's Kid's Camp is planned for July 26 and 27 at Fire Station No. 2. The children will be divided into three groups to get a tour of the station, experience the fire prevention trailer and learn firefighter skills.

The fire prevention trailer is the "little truck" my daughter and her friends enjoyed so much last year. It's actually a miniature-sized house on wheels. The firefighters can fill it with smoke to teach children how to escape a burning building.

Sometime in the middle of the day the firefighters treat their pint-sized guests to a barbecue lunch. Believe me, Vandenberg



VANDENBERG FIRE DEPARTMENT PHOTOS

Above: An auto extrication demo during the Vandenberg Fire Department's Kid's Camp 2002 shows children the procedures sometimes necessary to rescue people from vehicle accidents. Right: Firefighter Greg Flores teaches a class on how to use fire extinguishers.

has definitely cornered the market on amazing barbecue chefs! The children are in for a treat there.

The day concludes with certificates for each camper along with t-shirts and a few other prizes for exceptional performers.

All in all, Kid's Camp 2003 is set to be a day your children

won't soon forget. As far as destinations go, this one is the best: it's right here on base, it's educational and, as an additional perk for parents, it's free.

Parents can register children ages 8 to 12 at the Services Center. Thursday is the last day to sign up.



Left: Firefighter John Markley teaches rescue procedures to a 2002 Kid's Camp camper. Above: A camper climbs out of the fire department's fire safety house before she shows how she would run around front to meet her family at the mail box.



Community Calendar

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Airmen appreciation free barbecue – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Cocheo Park for E-5 and below. Food, beverages, musical entertainment and activities for children are provided. Call Jack Hokanson at 606-5814.

Global Hearts movie night – 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Chapel 1 annex. Call 606-5773.

Community assessment – Military members and spouses receiving the Air Force Community Assessment Survey by mail or e-mail, are encouraged to submit it. Call 606-0039 to request the Web site and access code.

Boy Scout Camp – July 28 through August 1 in Santa Maria and August 11-15 at Lake Lopez. Call (805) 925-1955 to register.

Family readiness reunion briefing – for servicemembers and their families who have questions or concerns about planning the homecoming, reuniting and relationship building. Call 606-1607 for an appointment.

Allan Hancock College registration – now underway for the fall session. Schedules are online at www.hancockcollege.edu. Fall mail-in registration

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continues through July 22. Walk-through starts August 11. Call 605-5915.

CLEP tests – College-Level Examination Program pre-tests are now available online. Go to www.petersons.com/airforce/testprep.html then register using the activation code FL5518.

Educational scholarships – available from the Vandenberg Top 3 association. All enlisted members, regardless of rank, are eligible for one of three \$200 scholarships. They'll be awarded at the August general membership meeting. Call Senior Master Sgt. Paul McGinnis at 606-6571 or 606-3459 for more information.

The Vandenberg Airmen's Attic – needs donations of items necessary for setting up a household. The program is open to military personnel E-5 and below with an Air Force Form 552 from their first sergeant. Volunteers are also needed. Call 606-5484.

G.I. Java seeks musicians – G.I. Java is looking for local musicians to play at the coffeehouse during business hours. Solo performers and bands are welcome. Call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Mike

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Martin at 606-5778 for an audition.

Gift of Groceries program – The Defense Commissary Agency offers a gift certificate program that allows anyone to purchase commissary gift certificates. They can be donated to military families through charitable organizations or given directly to military friends and family to use at local commissaries. Gift certificates are available online at www.commissaries.com.

Marriage enrichment counseling – offered on a one-on-one basis for married and unmarried couples. Call 606-9958.

Dads-to-New Dads and Moms-to-New Moms programs – These mentorship programs offer support to new moms and dads. Call Nancy Sias at 606-5338.

Mz. Fix-itz workshop – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Services Center. The hands-on workshop introduces women of all ages to a variety of power tools for home repairs. Call 606-1607 or 606-0039 to register.

Twilight beach horseback rides – Pacific Dunes Ranch in Oceano. Beginners are

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welcome. Call (805) 489-8100.

Operation Baby Launch – 5 p.m. Monday at the Vandenberg Clinic Auditorium. Learn information on resources available from civilian representatives from our two local hospitals, TRICARE financial concerns and Vandenberg Family Practice Clinic. Call 605-8254 or 606-8217.

Art Show – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Mondays – Thursdays through July 31 at the Allan Hancock College art gallery in the Santa Maria campus Learning Resources Center. Call (805) 922-6966, ext. 3550.

Office closure – The family support center is closed for staff training Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Those requiring emergency Air Force Aid will be assisted. Call 606-0801.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly – 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at the Vandenberg Health and Wellness Center.

Relaxation room – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday – Friday at the HAWC. Call 606-2221 for an appointment.

Single parent support group – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Services Center. Call 606-9958.

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Thrift Savings Plan class – 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the family support center.

Yoga class – 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Services Center.

Indoor cycling – 4 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Services Center.

Pre-separation briefing – 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday at the family support center. Call 605-0134.

Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center – Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday - Friday in building 10346 in the Vandenberg Base Exchange shopping center. Call 606-5474 for more information.

Interview, professional image class – 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. Call 605-8557.

Summer reading program – 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through July 23 at the Lompoc Public Library. Call 736-3477, ext. 12.

Women, infants and children – 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the family support center. Call 606-0039.

Risk Reduction classes – 2 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the HAWC. Call 606-2221 to sign up.

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Depression management group – 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Vandenberg Life Skills Support Center. New groups begin every six to eight weeks. The group is open to active-duty members and their dependents. It's appropriate for adults or mature adolescents experiencing depression. Call Capt. Arlin Hatch or the LSSC staff at 606-8217.

CAL-VET home loan class – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. July 25 at the family support center.

"The Town Meeting" – 8 p.m. July 26 and 2:30 p.m. July 27 at the Lompoc Civic Theatre. Call 735-2381.

Heart Link – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 31 at the family support center. Reservations are required by July 25. Call 606-0801.

School, sports physicals – 4 to 6 p.m. August 1 at the Vandenberg Family Practice Clinic, by appointment only. Call 606-7707.

AFA Charity Golf Tournament – 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 1 at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. 606-1938.

Art and Wine Party – August 1 at the Los Olivos Vintners. Call (805) 937-1058.

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SPACE & MISSILE
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Central Coast

Have you visited a Central Coast destination lately? Share it with the rest of Team V! Send in a 400 - 600 word rough draft about your adventure! Send submissions to: space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil

Vandenberg Thrift Shop

The shop is located next to the skills development center in Bldg. 11180. They always need volunteers.

The Vandenberg Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Call 606-3128 to find out more.

30th Services News

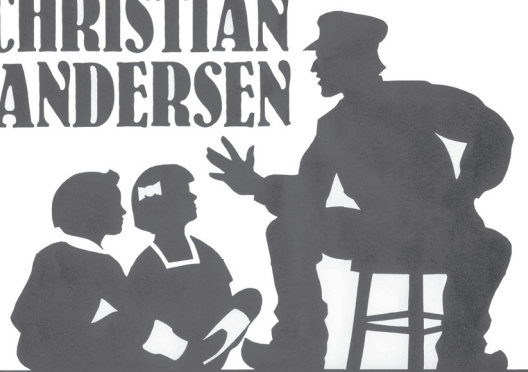
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Performance:

Saturday, 2 p.m., Vandenberg Center.
Call the youth center for more information
at 606-2152.

GOLF COURSE

Summer Open

July 26 and 27

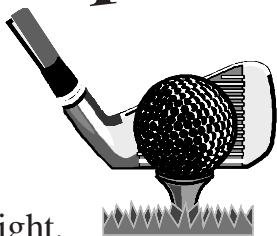
\$20 per entry.

Entry deadline:

Thursday, 3 p.m.

Full handicap by flight.

Call 734-1333 for more information.



Saturday

Aerospace Assoc. Tournament,
11 a.m.

Sunday

AJGA Tournament,
shotgun start, 12:30 p.m.,
open play shotgun, 7:30 a.m.

LIBRARY

Dial-A-Story

This week's story is "The Farmer Who Found Happiness." Dial-A-Story changes every Friday afternoon. Listen to a new story every week by calling 606-4300.

ROD & GUN CLUB

Sporting clays

July 27, 9 a.m.

Cost: \$22.50 for club members

\$27.50 for non-members

This event is hosted the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Sign-ups begin at 8 a.m., shooting at 9 a.m.

Call Cheryl Johnson at Vandenberg's Rod & Gun Club for more information at 606-4560.

OUTDOOR REC

**WATER
RAFTING**

Kern River, Saturday and July 26

\$65 per person

All trips are one-day and include:

- Full day of rafting up to Class IV whitewater
- Transportation to and from Vandenberg AFB
- Gourmet, deli-style lunch
- Departure from building 10250 at 6 a.m., returning at 9 p.m.

Call 606-5908 for more information or to sign up for this adventure!

These trips are ATWIND events!

YOUTH SPORTS

Soccer

Registration starts Monday, for children ages 5 to 12. Players must be 5 years old by Dec. 31. \$55 registration fee, \$50 for youth center members. Register at the youth center weekdays through August 29. ATWIND event! Volunteers are needed! Those interested in being a coach or field manager, should call the youth center at 606-2152 for more information.

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Maj. Tom Reppart, 30th Services Squadron commander, issues the summer's first \$1000 cash prize to Airman Jason Kim. The fourth weekly \$100 ATWINNER was Robin Giberson. Congratulations to both ATWINNERS!

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Week No. 8 places to play ...

Today

Golf - all day
Library - all day
Lunch and Learn, "Photo - Special Effects II,"
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Pacific Coast Club - social hour, 5 to 6 p.m.

Saturday

Surf Lanes - youth bowl, all day
Golf - youth, all day
Auto Skills - all day
Family Support Center - Global Hearts beach trip, 11 a.m.

Sunday

Aquatic Center - family swim, all day

Monday

Fitness Center - all day
Services Center - indoor cycling, 6 to 6:45 a.m.
Family Support Center - FTAC, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Surf Lanes - lunch
Aquatic Center - water aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Lunch and Learn, "Excel - Filtering, Sorting and Subtotals,"
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Services Center - all day
Surf Lanes - bowl all day
Services Center - Single Parents Support Group,
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pacific Coast Club - lunch
Launch Pad dining facility - lunch

Wednesday

Rod & Gun - all day
Outdoor Rec - all day
Foggio's - lunch
Golf Course - lunch
Lunch and Learn, "Photo - Working With Layers,"
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday

FAMCAMP - all day
Skills Arts & Crafts - all day
Library - storytime, 10 a.m.
Breakers - lunch
Pacific Coast Club - family dinner, 5 to 8 p.m.

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10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reservations required:

734-4375

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for more information.

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